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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

1. FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR:

A. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF SOMEONE COULD CALL TOM HOVING'S OFFICE AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IN NEW YORK TO EXPRESS MY WARM PERSONAL THANKS FOR HIS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF HENRY GELDZAHLE IN EXPEDITING RETURN OF PICUTURE "STRING QUARTET" IN TIME TO BE DISPLAYED AT SPASO HOUSE FOR OUR JJULY 5 RECEPTION. IT IS ONE OF HIGHLIGHTS OF METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT AND THE MORE THAN 2,000 GUESTS WHO WERE WITH US AT THE RECEPTION GREATLY ENJOYED SEEING IT. WE ALSO WERE PLEASED TO HAVE LOWERY SIMS WHO WAS MOST HELPFUL.

B. PLEASE ALSO TELL JANE THOMPSON'S OFFICE HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED HER HELP IN ALL OF THIS. I WILL BE SENDING TO HER AND TO METROPOLITAN PEOPLE COPIES OF OUR NEW BROCHURE ABOUT THE COLLEC-TION WHICH THIS TIME HAS BEEN DONE IN RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH.

C. I WILL BE IN PARIS NEXT WEEK AND WILL PROBABLY TELEPHONE YOU AT SOME POINT FROM THERE FOR GENERAL REVIEW.

2. RE FARRAND APARTMENT, NILES IS UNFORTUNATELY NOT CORRECTLY INFORMED OF APARTMENT SITUATION. THE SAD FACT IS THAT THERE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO AVAILABLE APARTMENT AT LENISNSKY 83. FARRAND'S ONLY CHOICE IS

TO GO INTO TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR A FEW WEEKS AND GET A GOOD, REPRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT AT END SEPTEMBER (I.E., LOEBNER APARTMENT) OR TAKE A NON-REPRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT WITH A SHORTER WAIT. LOEBNER APARTMENT IS AT VISHNEVSKOGO 4 AND IS ABOUT 100 YARDS FROM A BUS STOP. ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITIES WE COULD SUGGEST WOULD BE: 3-BEDROOM APARTMENT AT KUTUZOVSKY 7, AVAILABLE WHEN DOWNING DEPARTS IN AUGUST, OR POSSIBLE 4-BEDROOM ON LENINSKY 45. LATTER WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS WITH POST ASSIGNMENT POLICY, SINCE IT IS NON-REPRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT NORMALLY ASSIGNED ON BASIS SIZE OF FAMILY PERMANENTLY AT POST. IF HE HAS ONLY WIFE AND TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD RESIDENT WITH HIM MOST OF TIME, HOUSING COMMITTEE MAY NOT APPROVE, AND WE HAVE MOVED ALL DECISIONS TO HOUSING COMMITTEE UNLESS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATION AND SEMI REPRESENTATION APARTMENTS OR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ARE INVOLVED.

3. WE ARE IN A CERTAIN BIND SINCE AT LEAST ONE FAMILY IS GOING TO HAVE TO GO INTO TEMPORARY QUARTERS. FARRAND ARRIVES LATER THAN OTHERS, THEREFORE IF WE MAKE SOMEONE ELSE WAIT, THEIR WAIT WOULD BE LONGER THAN FARRAND'S AND THAT IS HARDLY FAIR. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW PRECISELY HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING WITH FARRAND. WILL TWO OF THREE CHILDREN BY PREVIOUS MARRIAGE BE COMING WITH HIM IN AUGUST, OR ONLY IN SUMMER OF 1977?

4. IN SHORT, WE ARE TRYING TO DO OUR BEST WITH LIMITED, BUT GRADUALLY IMPROVING, FACILITIES. WE RATHER THOUGHT WE WERE DOING WELL BY FARRAND TO OFFER AN APARTMENT PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY AN FSR-1 COUNSELOR. HIS ONLY CHOICE IS TO GO TO A NON-REPRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT AFTER A SHORTER WAIT. IS THAT WHAT HE WANTS?

5. REPORTS ON LANGUAGE TRAINING RESULTS ARE GLOOMY INDEED. CAN WE USE TO HAVE ANOTHER GO A PER RE ASSIGNMENTS? THINGS LIKE THE TORRE/CLARKE SWITCH STILL RANKLE AND PUT US COMPLETELY AT THE MERCY OF FSI TRAINING WHEN THIS IS NOT NECESSARY, GIVEN AVAILABILITY OF SEVERAL JUNIOR OFFICERS WHO ALREADY HAVE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE. WHAT WE SHOULD ASK FOR SPECIFICALLY IS A POLICY OF PANNELLING AT LEAST 18 MONTHS IN ADVANCE WHEN THERE IS OFFICER WITH AT LEAST S-2/R-2 COMPETENCE AVAILABLE, THEN PANNELLING THOSE WHO ARE STARTING FROM SCRATCH ONLY TO FILL REMAINING VACANCIES. PRESENT SYSTEM MEANS THAT INEVITABLY ALL POSITIONS ARE ENCUMBERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY LANGUAGE TRAINEES BEFORE PER GETS AROUND TO LOOKING AT CANDIDATES WHO DO NOT NEED LANGUAGE TRAINING. APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS IF WE CAN DO MORE FROM HERE TO STIMULATE THINKING ALONG THESE LINES.
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